



St Matthew's Walsall - Bulletin

Sunday 24 November 2024

**Worshipping God
Equipping His people
Growing His Kingdom
Serving Walsall**

What's on this week

Sun 24 Nov	8.45am	- Parish Communion
	10.00am	- Service Bell Ringing
	10.45am	- Morning Praise, baptisms of Stephen Pitt and Theodore Pitt and Children's Church
	1.00pm	- Asian Congregation
	6.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	6.30pm	- The Evening Service (Centre)
Mon 25 Nov	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
Tues 26 Nov	8.15am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	10.00am	- Places of Welcome
	3.00pm	- After School Bell Ringing Club
Weds 27 Nov	10.00am	- Bible Study
	3.30pm	- JAM After School Club (Centre)
	6.00pm	- Guides (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Guitar Circle (Centre)
	6.30pm	- Christmas Community Choir (Centre)
	7.00pm	- Bell Ringing
	7.30pm	- Community Choir (Centre)
Thurs 28 Nov	8.00am	- Morning Prayer
	9.30am	- Stay and Play (Centre)
	12.30pm	- Sensory Play for Babies (Centre)
	2.00pm	- OWLs (Centre)
	3.30pm	- Organ Practice
	7.00pm	- Music Ministry Team Rehearsal
Fri 29 Nov	8.00am	- Blue Coat Academy Assembly
	9.30am	- Church Cleaning and Flowers
Sat 30 Nov	9.30am	- Advent Family Breakfast
	3.00pm	- Afresh: A Night of New Church Songs

Further ahead

6 Dec	- Signs for Worship Service (Centre)
8 Dec	- Civic Carol Service

- 11 Dec** - Carols in Pubs: The Wheatsheaf
- 16 Dec** - Carols in Pubs: The Black Country Arms
- 22 Dec** - Nativity Service
- St Matthew's Carol Service
- 24 Dec** - Christingle
- Midnight Communion

November's Prayer Diary – available at <https://www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/resources/>

Prayer requests –Please pray for Barbara, a friend of Iris Taylor. Barbara's husband, John, died on Sunday night. He had oesophageal cancer and was in remission, but it came back.

Thank you for your prayers for Martin Bull (Priscilla's dad). He is now out of hospital having made a good recovery from his hip operation. He and Priscilla's mum, Angela, are now recuperating in a local care home. Please pray for Martin's complete recovery and for peace of mind for all.

Please also keep in your thoughts and prayers Foxx Charvis Ward Joan Cartridge's niece, Diane, Mike, James and Louise Tolley, Rosemarie Burgess, Iris Taylor, Sue Webster, Iris Mallaband, Maureen Platt, Ann Hazzard and Heather Samuels.



10.45am Service

On **Sunday 24 November**, our series on Revelation continues with Christ the King. Do come along if you can, or join in via our livestream on YouTube.

Children and communion

We are looking at holding a preparation day for children wishing to be admitted to communion before confirmation. This is open to any baptised children in Year 3 or above. If any child wishes to attend the preparation day and their parent(s) are in agreement, please pass your details to Rev Jim by the end of the November.

Blue Coat Nursery and Year 2 families primary school place preferences

If your child will be four by 1 September 2025, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move into Reception. Children in Blue Coat Nursery do not automatically move into Blue Coat Reception - you **MUST** apply for a place through the local authority by **15 January 2025**.

If your child is in Year 2, you must submit your preferences for where you would like them to go to school when they move to Year 3. Children in our Year 2 do not automatically move into Blue Coat Junior School - you **MUST** apply for a place through the local authority by **15 January 2025**.

If you want a faith place you must complete a form and request a letter from Rev Jim:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-08/Walsall%20Faith%20Schools%20Supp%20Form%202025%20-%20Accessible.pdf>



Countdown to Christmas: Advent Family Breakfast at St Matthew's!

Join us **Saturday 30 November** at 9.30am as we kick off the Advent season together! No need to book, just come along for a morning filled with crafts, games, music, and a delicious breakfast.

Bring the whole family to celebrate the start of this special time of year in a fun and festive atmosphere! Let's begin the journey to Christmas together—see you there!

Afresh - new songs night

Join us for an evening of new songs for the church, from the church on **Saturday 30 November** at 7pm. Local songwriters, including Phil Wilks and Andrew Clayton, present their works along with fresh songs from Resound Worship and material developed in this year's '12 Song Challenge'. St Matthew's has committed to use some of these new songs the following day at their 10.45 and Evening services.

Contributions to the evening are welcome, as are volunteers to join the band for the night. Email andrew@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk for more information. The event is free to attend.

We're hiring a Site and Operations Assistant

St Matthew's Church is seeking a committed practical individual to work on a flexible, part-time basis to support the work of the Church. The successful applicant will perform a wide range of duties related to the maintenance of the Church property, preparation of rooms (including moving furniture), administrative duties and digital and technical support during Sunday and occasional services.

If you are interested (or know someone who might be) head over to www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/jobs for more information and details on how to apply.

Applications are open until **Sunday 15 December**.

Support a St Matthew's young leader!

Paulinho (João) Cariata, who attended St Matthew's until he went to university in Leicester, has begun a gap year placement as the Youth and Kids' Worker for his church. It's part of the New Wine Ministry Experience Scheme, and as Paulinho's sending church, we want to support him. His placement is full time, but unpaid. He receives board and lodging. He needs £100 per month for life's other costs, and we want to help.

Could you sponsor Paulinho a small amount each month, enabling a young Christian from our church to learn and grow in ministry? If so, please set up a standing order (or one-time transaction) to: Joao Cariata; Sort code: 30-99-06; Account Number: 44492368.

Thank you! We'll update you with how he's getting on!



Church Weekend Away

Bookings for St Matthew's Weekend Away are NOW OPEN!

www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away

We're super excited for our Church Weekend Away from **Friday 10 to Sunday 12 January 2025**. It will be a wonderful time to relax, to build friendships, and to get closer to God. The weekend is for the whole church: all ages, abilities and life-stages. We are staying in Quinta Hall, a 'handsome mansion' with 35 bedrooms, cosy lounges and a large meeting room. It is situated on a vast site with lakes, woodland, a sports hall and various activities on offer. Why not join us? Sign up now at www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk/weekend-away



Wider Church & Local News

Street Teams is seeking a Project Worker

Street Teams is a church initiated project working hard to tackle child exploitation and trafficking within Walsall. Do you or anyone you know want to join a passionate team working to support victims, their families and our surrounding communities. Please share Email admin@street-teams.org for more information <https://street-teams.org/>

Together 24 and Movement

Together for 24 is just one night, but on **6 December** we're gathering young people at **Movement** - another night of praise and worship just for young people, and you can just turn up at Bethel Convention Centre on the day. To support the Together Movement, get your church involved, and tell your friends and family and church Leaders...

Lichfield for singing

Are you a singer aged 13-19? Would you like to expand your horizons, learn new techniques, meet other like-minded people and develop your skills to a higher level? If so, don't miss this amazing opportunity to join in a new choral course created in partnership between Lichfield Cathedral and The Gesualdo Six.

The event is on **Saturday 11 January 2025** but you must book online before **2 December**; early applications are recommended, as places are limited! Visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/singing to apply. Cost is £85 per participant (including lunch and refreshments) and the day includes smaller group sessions and chance to learn about careers in the music industry. For any enquiries, contact us at singing@lichfield-cathedral.org

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